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SUBJECT: UPI STORY RE TROOP REDUCTIONS ON TAIWAN

1. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND TO UPI STORY RE QUOTE NEW
UNQUOTE TROOP REDUCTIONS SUPPOSEDLY ANNOUNCED BY
US MILITARY SPOKESMAN TAIPEI NOV 14, PROMPTING
QUESTIONS AT MCCLOSKEY PRESS BRIEFING TOKYO.

2. T.P. TANG, REPORTER FOR CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY
(OFFICIAL ROC WIRE SERVICE) AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
CHINA NEWS TELEPHONED USIS NOV 14 TO ASK WHETHER ANY
REDUCTIONS PLANNED IN STAFF OF US EMBASSY TAIPEI.
AFTER BEING TOLD NONE PLANNED, TANG ASKED WHETHER ANY
NEW TROOP REDUCTIONS PLANNED. HE WAS REFERRED TO
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MILITARY SPOKESMAN AT TAIWAN DEFENSE COMMAND. TANG

REPEATED QUESTION TO MILITARY SPOKESMAN AND WAS TOLD NO REDUCTIONS PLANNED BEYOND WHAT WAS ANNOUNCED BY ROC MND OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND BY CINCPAC ON SEPTEMBER 3. TANG CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ASKED WHAT WAS INVOLVED. HE WAS TOLD SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS DEALT WITH PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN OF 374TH TAW. IN REPLY TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, TANG WAS TOLD APPROXIMATELY 3,000 PERSONNEL INVOLVED, LEAVING APPROXIMATELY 6,000 ON ISLAND BY END OF 1973.

3. NOV 15, CHUNG YANG JIH PAO (OFFICIAL KMT NEWSPAPER) CARRIED ITEM SOURCED TO "CNA-UPI" WHICH STATED US MILITARY SPOKESMAN HAD ANNOUNCED PREVIOUS DAY THAT US FORCES ON TAIWAN WOULD BE CUT BY 3,000 BY END OF 1973, BUT THAT US EMBASSY SIZE WOULD NOT BE REDUCED. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY SAYING SO, STORY IMPLICATION THAT NEW REDUCTION HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED. APPARENTLY THIS WAS VERSION WHICH WENT OUT OVER UPI WIRES SAME DAY.

4. IT IS INTERESTING AND SOMEWHAT IRONIC THAT OFFICIAL ROC NEWS MEDIA ARE SOURCES OF THIS EXERCISE IN CONFUSION WHICH, AS AMPLIFIED BY MURRAY MARDER, STEWART HENSLEY ET AL, IS LIKELY TO HAVE A FURTHER DISQUIETING EFFECT HERE.
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